

Vermont Association Testimony: S.285 All-Payer Model and **Hospitals** Hospital Sustainability

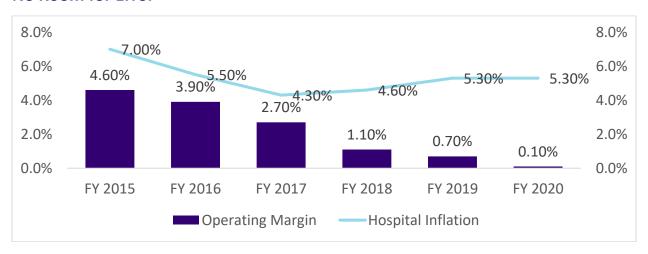
Health Care Reform Successes

- Medicare savings of \$122M
- Reduced hospital stays and length of stay by <u>9.3%</u>
- Reduced specialist visits by 7.7%
- 22% decrease in unplanned readmissions

Hospital System is Fragile

- COVID and other emergency response
- Workforce crisis
- · Patients waiting for subacute placement
- Patients waiting for mental health placement

No Room for Error



- \$3 million operating margin for all of Vermont's hospitals
- Need to explore all possibilities, in addition to global budgets
- Consultants have talked about things hospitals are already doing—need providers and community consensus on planning

VAHHS Recommendations:

- Include Director of Health Care Reform
- Explore other models in addition to global budgets
- Include providers and community in planning
- Recommend a methodology for a sustainable rate for hospital budgets
- Look at Green Mountain Care Board impact on hospital sustainability